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Yesterday was the first day in many that "Old Sol" withheld his beaming countenance from Astoria.

Imagine a Chinese parliament with a hot debate pending and the rules set aside. Luckily, we have twenty-five years, yet, in which to become used to the thought.

Astoria will undoubtedly sustain her reputation for splendid hospitality, during the presence in local waters of the German frigate Falke, week after next.

The Olympian city council has ordained the demolition, at the cost of the owner, of every old-tumble-down shack in the city, having declared them public nuisances. This is an example that might well be followed by every city in the Northwest, Astoria included, provided the ordinance is constitutional.

Some ethical society in New York has a debate pending upon the following questions: "Resolved, that a guilty conscience is a greater source of worry than an empty purse?" They should confine the list of speakers to those known to be suffering from both evils, but this rule might be too sweepingly inclusive, and render the debate exhaustive.

Advice from Houston, Texas, announcing the passage of an ordinance there, forbidding the making of "Goo Goo eyes" upon the streets or in public assemblies, with heavy penalties in the way of fines and publicity for a transgression. Thus, once more does arbitrary law rudely force its autocratic way among the fast decreasing prerogatives of the American freeman.

John D. Rockefeller, he of the "tainted millions," opened the gates and doors of his lordly place, Forest Hill, near Cleveland, the other day, to the humorists of the press who were in convention at the nearby Ohio city. They were given the full freedom of the place barring only the repetition of their late "funny business" at the expense of their host; nor is it reported that any of them had the nerve to confess the authorship of any of the biting sarcasms of the joke-columns they were severally responsible for.

In all the current potter and flutter among the nations of Europe and the far East for advantages great and small, diplomatic, commercial and strategic, it is comforting to the ordinary American to realize that his own great nation does not have to worry over such matters. The United States has attained a status that commands instant and wholesome attention in the adjustments these others determine, and we get what is our due, at all times, either without the asking or upon the mildest intimation from our staterdepartment that it is expected. This is one of the fruits of the policy of non-interference in the affairs of outside nations, now a traditional maxim at Washington. Of course "Our Teddy" has done a bit of "butting in" lately, in the interest of a world-peace, but this was justifiable as the role of peacemaker has no limitations and is conceded universal endorsement at all times, and besides, he is that sort of a man anyway. He is no stickler for usages when it comes to the doing of his whole duty, be the premise home or foreign.

Here is a bit of withering sarcasm, the rare and biting quality of which is accentuated by the fact that it is uttered by the Wall Street Journal, a paper that represents Wall Street and

Wall Street men, Rockefeller included. "Never before was President of the United States so honored throughout the world as Theodore Roosevelt. He has received official thanks for his successful efforts in promulgating peace from the head of every great government. Not only has he received telegrams of congratulation from the King of England, the Czar of Russia, the Emperor of Germany and the President of France, but likewise from the king of petroleum, John D. Rockefeller, who is also prince of financial corporations, duke of trusts, earl of banks, marshal of railroads, knight of the golden fleece of billions and decorated with the brass medal of the order of Ida M. Tarbell. "There are people in Wall street who would be prouder of that telegram from Rockefeller than that from Edward, Wilhelm and Nicholas."

The latest number of the Scientific American contains the following in relation to the grading of lumber, and it is worth the reading by many interested people hereabouts: "A subject of increasing importance to every lumber producer and consumer is that of grades. That these grades should be uniform where practical is well recognized, and many efforts to arrive at some general rules have been made. In view of these movements to standardize grades, the Forest Service has undertaken to bring together the specifications of the various lumber and manufacturers' associations and to put them in such a form that they may be compared.

"The object of the study is not to devise a system of standard grades, but to make simply such a compilation of the grades now in use as will be of service to lumber producers and consumers, though it is hoped that a great deal of information may be accumulated that will be of value in eventually preparing the way for a standard system.

"It is planned to get the views of those concerned partly by interviews and largely by correspondence. A representative of the Forest Service will endeavour to visit the secretaries and members of grading bureaus of various associations and learn their views in regard to the practical workings of the various rules. A large number of mill men and manufacturers will be reached by correspondence and their views sought. It is especially desired to find the important parts of differences in grades from the view points of both producer and consumer of lumber, and also to ascertain the chief difficulties in the way of devising and executing a system of standard grades. "The assistance of manufacturers and consumers of lumber is earnestly desired in this work. Suggestions concerning it will be gladly received by the office of Forest Products, Forest Service, Washington, D. C."

EDITORIAL CHIT CHAT.

Congratulations, Mr. President, on your splendid "warfare" in the cause of peace.

Georgia cotton growers have resolved that cotton shall not again go below 9 cents. If they can keep on good terms with the statistical bureau they may make it good.

No statesman ever secured peace under less propitious circumstances than those under which Theodore Roosevelt brought the Oriental war to a close.

Nations which consult Dr. Roosevelt for their diplomatic troubles, should learn that he requires implicit observance of his prescriptions.

Secretary Taft's hosts at Tokio served ice water after sizing him up, and decided that nothing less would meet the emergency.

Mr. Rockefeller may go barefoot in the morning, but Kansas is prepared to testify that he resumes the "iron heel" of monopoly during working hours.

After a few more bumps the automobile will discover that it is not its mission in life to buck a freight train off the track.

Coney Island must be getting desperate on account of the Chicago competition. First, it has some reformers "give it up" as hopeless and now it has a railroad wreck.

Rockefeller's enemies might rub it in by organizing a society for the purpose of buying Rockefeller a new pair of shoes.

Will the automobile develop a pace of men who can telescope themselves and roll down hill without getting hurt in the process.

Mark Twain can extract humor out of almost anything, but the gouts seem to be where he draws the line.

Ida Tarbell wouldn't sprinkle tacks through the grass on Mr. Rockefeller's lawn, if she had the opportunity, she knows a better way.

One of those returned arctic explorers asked in N. Y. the other day who was the democratic candidate in 1904, for presidency. Do you remember his name.

England is falling into the habit of calling Mr. Roosevelt the "world's umpire" and sundry American papers like the Charlotte Observer are disgruntled thereat, on the ground that the worthy old document "The Constitution" gave no such function to our president, and that it is his duty to keep his hands off the affairs of all "the planets" outside the United States. This seems like criticism run mad.

A man who narrowly escaped an auto was so surprised at his luck that he dropped dead of heart failure. The auto gets 'em comin' and goin'.

Another case is that a Minneapolis man struck a match to find the leak in the gasoline tank of his auto. He found it.

Remembering a celebrated remark of B. Franklin, the senators are determined that Burton shall not go to jail. "Hang together" or hang separately.

Kwoter—you know they say "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

Grumbell—Yes, but most of us continue to be poor relations.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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